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For: HUMAN NEUROPEPTIDE Y-LIKE G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This paper responds to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004 in the application referenced above. Please charge the fee for a one-month extension of time and any other fee that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-43 are pending. Claims 9-11, 13-37, and 40-43 are withdrawn. Claims 1-8, 12, 38, and 39 stand rejected.

The following items accompany this paper:

- Attachment 1 (nucleotide sequence alignment);
- Attachment 2 (amino acid sequence alignment);
- Attachment 3 (copy of Serial No. 60/216,523);
- a declaration of the inventors under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, including Exhibits 1-10.

Please enter the following amendments.